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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The twenty-fourth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 15 May to 2 June 2000. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 15 May 2000 at 10.00 a.m.
2. In accordance with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.
3. Pursuant to rule 32 of the provisional rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise.
4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4, containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its twenty-fourth session.
5. A pre-sessional working group, established in accordance with rule 63 of the provisional rules of procedure, met at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 31 January-4 February 2000.

Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Organizational matters.
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4. Consideration of reports by States parties.
5. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies.
6. Methods of work of the Committee.
7. General comments.
8. Future meetings.
9. Other matters.

AnnotationsItem 1. Adoption of the agenda

1. Under rule 8 of the provisional rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 16. In accordance with rule 9 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items. Only urgent or important items may be added to the agenda.

Item 2. Organizational matters

2. Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, as well as any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

Item 3. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance  
with article 44 of the Convention

Reports received

3. In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its twenty-fourth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the following initial reports:

|                                  | <u>State party</u> | <u>Symbol</u>   |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Bhutan                           | 1992               | CRC/C/3/Add 60  |
| Burundi                          | 1992               | CRC/C/3/Add 58  |
| Cape Verde                       | 1994               | CRC/C/11/Add 23 |
| Central African Republic         | 1994               | CRC/C/11/Add 18 |
| Côte d'Ivoire                    | 1993               | CRC/C/8/Add 41  |
| Comoros                          | 1995               | CRC/C/28/Add 13 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 1992               | CRC/C/3/Add 57  |
| Dominican Republic               | 1993               | CRC/C/8/Add 40  |
| Gambia                           | 1992               | CRC/C/3/Add 61  |
| Kenya                            | 1992               | CRC/C/3/Add 62  |
| Latvia                           | 1994               | CRC/C/11/Add 22 |
| Lesotho                          | 1994               | CRC/C/11/Add 20 |
| Liechtenstein                    | 1998               | CRC/C/61/Add 1  |
| Lithuania                        | 1994               | CRC/C/11/Add 21 |
| Marshall Islands                 | 1995               | CRC/C/28/Add 12 |

|                                                                                   | <u>State party</u> | <u>Symbol</u>        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Mauritania                                                                        | 1993               | CRC/C/8/Add.42       |
| Monaco                                                                            | 1995               | CRC/C/28/Add.15      |
| Oman                                                                              | 1999               | CRC/C/78/Add.1       |
| Palau                                                                             | 1997               | CRC/C/51/Add.3       |
| Qatar                                                                             | 1997               | CRC/C/51/Add.5       |
| Saudi Arabia                                                                      | 1998               | CRC/C/61/Add.2       |
| Slovakia                                                                          | 1994               | CRC/C/11/Add.17      |
| Tajikistan                                                                        | 1995               | CRC/C/28/Add.14      |
| Turkey                                                                            | 1997               | CRC/C/51/Add.4       |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain<br>and Northern Ireland (Isle of Man)             | 1994               | CRC/C/11/Add.19      |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain<br>and Northern Ireland<br>(Overseas Territories) | 1996               | CRC/C/41/Add.7       |
| United Republic of Tanzania                                                       | 1993               | CRC/C/8/Add.14/Rev.1 |
| Uzbekistan                                                                        | 1996               | CRC/C/41/Add.8       |

4. The Secretary-General has also received the following second periodic reports in addition to those scheduled for consideration at the twenty-fourth session:

| <u>State party</u> | <u>Due in</u> | <u>Symbol</u>   |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Argentina          | 1998          | CRC/C/70/Add.10 |
| Belgium            | 1999          | CRC/C/83/Add.2  |
| Burkina Faso       | 1997          | CRC/C/65/Add.17 |
| Chile              | 1997          | CRC/C/65/Add.13 |
| Colombia           | 1998          | CRC/C/70/Add.5  |
| Czech Republic     | 1999          | CRC/C/83/Add.4  |
| Denmark            | 1998          | CRC/C/70/Add.6  |
| Egypt              | 1997          | CRC/C/65/Add.9  |
| Ethiopia           | 1998          | CRC/C/70/Add.7  |
| Finland            | 1998          | CRC/C/70/Add.3  |
| Guatemala          | 1997          | CRC/C/65/Add.10 |
| Lebanon            | 1998          | CRC/C/70/Add.8  |
| Paraguay           | 1997          | CRC/C/65/Add.12 |
| Poland             | 1998          | CRC/C/70/Add.12 |
| Portugal           | 1997          | CRC/C/65/Add.11 |

| <u>State party</u>                                      | <u>Due in</u> | <u>Symbol</u>   |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Romania                                                 | 1997          | CRC/C/65/Add 19 |
| Sudan                                                   | 1997          | CRC/C/65/Add 14 |
| Tunisia                                                 | 1999          | CRC/C/83/Add 1  |
| Ukraine                                                 | 1998          | CRC/C/70/Add 11 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain<br>and Northern Ireland | 1999          | CRC/C/83/Add 3  |

Reports due

5. Under rule 67 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General is required to notify the Committee at each session of all cases of non-submission of reports. Accordingly, the States parties whose initial reports were due by 6 March 2000 but have not yet been received are listed below:

| <u>State party</u>     | <u>Date due</u>   | <u>Number of<br/>reminders sent</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Guinea-Bissau          | 18 September 1992 | 6                                   |
| Seychelles             | 6 October 1992    | 6                                   |
| Brazil                 | 23 October 1992   | 6                                   |
| Angola                 | 3 January 1993    | 5                                   |
| Malawi                 | 31 January 1993   | 5                                   |
| Guyana                 | 12 February 1993  | 5                                   |
| Bahamas                | 21 March 1993     | 5                                   |
| Dominica               | 11 April 1993     | 5                                   |
| Sao Tome and Principe  | 12 June 1993      | 5                                   |
| Israel                 | 1 November 1993   | 5                                   |
| Estonia                | 19 November 1993  | 5                                   |
| San Marino             | 24 December 1993  | 5                                   |
| Zambia                 | 4 January 1994    | 4                                   |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 5 March 1994      | 4                                   |
| Bahrain                | 14 March 1994     | 4                                   |
| Albania                | 27 March 1994     | 4                                   |
| Equatorial Guinea      | 14 July 1994      | 4                                   |
| Niger <sup>1</sup>     | 29 October 1992   | 5                                   |
| Cameroon               | 9 February 1995   | 4                                   |
| Republic of Moldova    | 24 February 1995  | 4                                   |

| <u>State party</u>                  | <u>Date due</u>   | <u>Number of<br/>reminders sent</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Papua New Guinea                    | 31 March 1995     | 4                                   |
| Greece                              | 9 June 1995       | 4                                   |
| Liberia                             | 3 July 1995       | 4                                   |
| Saint Lucia                         | 15 July 1995      | 4                                   |
| Turkmenistan                        | 19 October 1995   | 4                                   |
| Antigua and Barbuda                 | 3 November 1995   | 4                                   |
| Congo                               | 12 November 1995  | 4                                   |
| Saint Vincent and the<br>Grenadines | 24 November 1995  | 4                                   |
| Gabon                               | 10 March 1996     | 3                                   |
| Afghanistan                         | 26 April 1996     | 3                                   |
| Mozambique                          | 25 May 1996       | 3                                   |
| Nauru                               | 25 August 1996    | 3                                   |
| Eritrea                             | 1 September 1996  | 3                                   |
| Kazakhstan                          | 10 September 1996 | 3                                   |
| Samoa                               | 28 December 1996  | 3                                   |
| Malaysia                            | 19 March 1997     | 2                                   |
| Botswana                            | 12 April 1997     | 2                                   |
| Solomon Islands                     | 9 May 1997        | 2                                   |
| Haiti                               | 7 July 1997       | 2                                   |
| Swaziland                           | 5 October 1997    | 2                                   |
| Tuvalu                              | 21 October 1997   | 2                                   |
| Singapore                           | 3 November 1997   | 2                                   |
| Tonga                               | 5 December 1997   | 2                                   |
| Kiribati                            | 9 January 1998    | 1                                   |
| Niue                                | 18 January 1998   | 1                                   |
| Brunei Darussalam                   | 25 January 1998   | 1                                   |
| Andorra                             | 31 January 1998   | 1                                   |
| United Arab Emirates                | 1 February 1999   | -                                   |

6. The States parties whose second periodic reports were due by 6 March 2000 but have not yet been received are listed below:

| <u>State party</u>                    | <u>Date due</u>   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Bangladesh                            | 1 September 1997  |
| Belize                                | 1 September 1997  |
| Benin                                 | 1 September 1997  |
| Bhutan                                | 1 September 1997  |
| Ecuador                               | 1 September 1997  |
| El Salvador                           | 1 September 1997  |
| Ghana                                 | 1 September 1997  |
| Guinea                                | 1 September 1997  |
| Holy See                              | 1 September 1997  |
| Kenya                                 | 1 September 1997  |
| Mauritius                             | 1 September 1997  |
| Mongolia                              | 1 September 1997  |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis                 | 1 September 1997  |
| Senegal                               | 1 September 1997  |
| Sierra Leone                          | 1 September 1997  |
| Togo                                  | 1 September 1997  |
| Viet Nam                              | 1 September 1997  |
| France                                | 5 September 1997  |
| Gambia                                | 6 September 1997  |
| Uganda                                | 15 September 1997 |
| Guinea-Bissau                         | 18 September 1997 |
| Philippines                           | 19 September 1997 |
| Indonesia                             | 4 October 1997    |
| Seychelles                            | 6 October 1997    |
| Zimbabwe                              | 10 October 1997   |
| Venezuela                             | 12 October 1997   |
| Nepal                                 | 13 October 1997   |
| Mali                                  | 19 October 1997   |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo      | 19 October 1997   |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 20 October 1997   |
| Brazil                                | 23 October 1997   |
| Malta                                 | 29 October 1997   |
| Namibia                               | 29 October 1997   |
| Niger                                 | 29 October 1997   |
| Chad                                  | 31 October 1997   |

| <u>State party</u>                        | <u>Date due</u>   |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Barbados                                  | 7 November 1997   |
| Burundi                                   | 17 November 1997  |
| Grenada                                   | 4 December 1997   |
| Pakistan                                  | 11 December 1997  |
| Uruguay                                   | 19 December 1997  |
| Angola                                    | 3 January 1998    |
| Djibouti                                  | 4 January 1998    |
| Panama                                    | 10 January 1998   |
| Australia <sup>2</sup>                    | 15 January 1998   |
| Malawi                                    | 31 January 1998   |
| Yugoslavia                                | 1 February 1998   |
| Guyana                                    | 12 February 1998  |
| Rwanda                                    | 22 February 1998  |
| Côte d'Ivoire                             | 5 March 1998      |
| Cyprus                                    | 8 March 1998      |
| Maldives                                  | 12 March 1998     |
| Bahamas                                   | 21 March 1998     |
| Dominica                                  | 11 April 1998     |
| Madagascar                                | 17 April 1998     |
| Nigeria                                   | 18 May 1998       |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic          | 6 June 1998       |
| Jamaica                                   | 12 June 1998      |
| Sao Tome and Principe                     | 12 June 1998      |
| Mauritania                                | 14 June 1998      |
| Slovenia                                  | 24 June 1998      |
| Bulgaria                                  | 2 July 1998       |
| United Republic of Tanzania               | 9 July 1998       |
| Dominican Republic                        | 10 July 1998      |
| Sri Lanka                                 | 10 August 1998    |
| Myanmar                                   | 13 August 1998    |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 16 September 1998 |
| Cuba                                      | 19 September 1998 |
| Italy                                     | 4 October 1998    |
| Croatia                                   | 7 October 1998    |
| Israel                                    | 1 November 1998   |

| <u>State party</u>       | <u>Date due</u>   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Hungary                  | 5 November 1998   |
| Estonia                  | 19 November 1998  |
| Kuwait                   | 19 November 1998  |
| Republic of Korea        | 19 December 1998  |
| San Marino               | 24 December 1998  |
| Trinidad and Tobago      | 3 January 1999    |
| Zambia                   | 4 January 1999    |
| Canada                   | 11 January 1999   |
| Lithuania                | 28 February 1999  |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina   | 5 March 1999      |
| Bahrain                  | 14 March 1999     |
| Albania                  | 27 March 1999     |
| China                    | 31 March 1999     |
| Germany                  | 4 April 1999      |
| Lesotho                  | 8 April 1999      |
| Thailand                 | 25 April 1999     |
| Latvia                   | 13 May 1999       |
| Central African Republic | 23 May 1999       |
| Cape Verde               | 3 July 1999       |
| Equatorial Guinea        | 14 July 1999      |
| Austria                  | 4 September 1999  |
| Azerbaijan               | 11 September 1999 |
| Ireland                  | 27 October 1999   |
| Cambodia                 | 13 November 1999  |
| Iceland                  | 26 November 1999  |
| Czech Republic           | 31 December 1999  |
| Slovakia                 | 31 December 1999  |
| India                    | 10 January 2000   |
| Cameroon                 | 9 February 2000   |
| Republic of Moldova      | 24 February 2000  |

7. Under this item, the Committee will have before it notes by the Secretary-General concerning the list of States whose initial reports under article 44 of the Convention were respectively due in 1992 (CRC/C/3), 1993 (CRC/C/8), 1994 (CRC/C/11), 1995 (CRC/C/28), 1996 (CRC/C/41), 1997 (CRC/C/51), 1998 (CRC/C/61) and 1999 (CRC/C/78). The Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General containing the list of States whose second periodic reports were due in 1997 (CRC/C/65), 1998 (CRC/C/70) or in 1999 (CRC/C/83), or are due in 2000 (CRC/C/93).

8. Under this item, the Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the States parties to the Convention and the status of submission of reports (CRC/C/96), as well as a note by the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the consideration of initial reports by States parties to the Convention (CRC/C/27/Rev.11).

#### Item 4. Consideration of reports of States parties

9. A tentative timetable for consideration of reports at the twenty-fourth session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

#### Tentative timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

|                   |                                 |                            |                      |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Tuesday, 16 May   | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.<br>3 p.m.-6 p.m. | Iran (Islamic Republic of) | CRC/C/41/Add.5       |
| Wednesday, 17 May | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.<br>3 p.m.-6 p.m. | Georgia                    | CRC/C/41/Add.4/Rev.1 |
| Thursday, 18 May  | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.<br>3 p.m.-6 p.m. | Jordan                     | CRC/C/70/Add.4       |
| Monday, 22 May    | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.<br>3 p.m.-6 p.m. | Norway                     | CRC/C/70/Add.2       |
| Tuesday, 23 May   | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.<br>3 p.m.-6 p.m. | Kyrgyzstan                 | CRC/C.41/Add.6       |
| Wednesday, 24 May | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.<br>3 p.m.-6 p.m. | Cambodia                   | CRC/C/11/Add.16      |
| Friday, 26 May    | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.<br>3 p.m.-6 p.m. | Malta                      | CRC/C/3/Add.56       |
| Monday, 29 May    | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.<br>3 p.m.-6 p.m. | Suriname                   | CRC/C/28/Add.11      |
| Tuesday, 30 May   | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.<br>3 p.m.-6 p.m. | Djibouti                   | CRC/C/8/Add.39       |

10. In accordance with rule 68 of the provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the States parties shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Such representatives should be able to answer questions put to them by the Committee and make statements on reports already submitted by their State, and may also submit further information.

11. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has notified the States parties concerned of the opening date, duration and place of the twenty-fourth session of the Committee, at which their respective reports will be examined, and has invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee at which their reports will be examined.

Item 5. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies

12. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion of ways and areas in which existing cooperation with various relevant bodies could be further strengthened to enhance the promotion and protection of the rights of the child.

Item 6. Methods of work of the Committee

13. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion concerning the organization of its future work, as well as the procedure to be followed in the consideration of reports by States parties and their follow-up, including where necessary areas identified for technical assistance.

14. Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on areas identified by the Committee for technical assistance and advisory services (CRC/C/40/Rev.15). The Committee will also have before it a note by the secretariat containing a compilation of the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Committee at its first to twenty-second sessions (CRC/C/19/Rev.10).\*

Item 7. General comments

15. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue the elaboration of general comments based on the various principles and provisions of the Convention.

Item 8. Future meetings

16. Under this item, the Committee will be informed of any developments relating to the schedule of its future meetings.

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\* No conclusions or recommendations were adopted at the twenty-third session.

Item 9. Other matters

17. Under this item, members may wish to discuss such other matters relating to the work of the Committee as may be necessary.

Notes

<sup>1</sup> A revised version of the initial report of Niger submitted in 1994 (CRC/C/3/Add.29), which would take into account the general guidelines for reporting was requested for submission by the end of 1994.

<sup>2</sup> In response to a note verbale sent by the Government of Australia on 17 August 1999 requesting guidance on the periodicity of submission of its second periodic report, the Committee, by letter sent on 22 September 1999, invited the Australian authorities to submit a consolidated second and third periodic report by 15 January 2003.

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